Peru's New Regime Establishes Diplomatic Ties With Rumania

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LIMA, Nov. 9 — In a move expected to lead to increasing contacts with the Communist bloc, Peru's new military government has established diplomatic relations with Rumania.

It is the first time this contry of 12 million people has entered into such relations with a European Communist country.

A treaty providing for an exchange of ambassadors was signed here last night by the Foreign Ministers of the two countries: Gen. Edgardo Mercado of Peru and Corneliu Manescu of Rumania. Today, they also signed supplementary agreements for technical and commercial cooperation.

The signing marked the principal diplomatic initiative undertaken by the government of Gen. Juan Velasco Alvarado during the six weeks it has been in office. The armed forces seized power here in an Oct. 3 coup that overthrew civilian President Fernando Belaunde Terry.

Actually, the treaty with Rumania was the result of negotiations started under the Belaunde government.

[In another action, Peru granted exploiting concessions for 50 years in the jungle regions of eastern Peru to the American Cerro de Pasco Petroleum Corp., Reuters reported. Involved are about 53 million acres of land.]

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